

AMENDMENT

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION:

Please replace the paragraph at page 2, lines 2-4 of the specification, with the following amended paragraphs:

~~The government owns rights in the present invention pursuant to grant number 5 R01 AI38596-09 of the National Institutes of Health.~~ This application claims the priority of U.S. Provisional Application No. 60/259,628, filed January 3, 2001, the disclosure of which is specifically incorporated herein by reference in its entirety.

This invention was made with government support under grant number 5 R01 AI38596-09 awarded by the National Institutes of Health. The government has certain rights in the invention.